

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Christian KILGER et al.

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Atty. Docket No. 101614-00021

For: METHOD FOR THE DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL AMPLIFICATION AND  
SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES AND ITS APPLICATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 15, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows: